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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEWED BY AL ANWAR

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1. RE QUERY RAISED PARA 5, REFTTEL, RELEVANT REMARKS CAME IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY BASSAM FREIHA OF AL ANWAR: SC RES 242, ITERPRETED IN ITS BEST LIGHT, IMPLIES RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL WITHIN ITS 1967 BORDERS. IS THERE AN ARAB COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT SC RES 242 AND HOW DOES IT SQUARE WITH OPPOSITION IN SOME ARAB QUARTERS TO THIS RES?

2. AL ANWAR TEXT (JUNE 22) OF SADAT'S REPLY WAS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IN ARAB WORLD WE STILL THINK EMOTIONALLY AND THIS IS WHAT I SAID IN KUWAIT. LEAVING ASIDE RES 242, ISRAEL HAS BECOME A REALITY WITHIN ITS 1967 BOUNDARIES SIMPLY BECAUSE THE TWO SUPER POWERS... PROTECT THIS REALITY... THEREFORE, RES 242 MERELY
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RECOGNIZED AN ESTABLISHED FACT. WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS

RESOLUTION; OTHERS HAVE ACCEPTED IT AND OTHERS STILL HAVE REJECTED IT. I AM NOT INSISTING THAT THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED IT SHOULD NOW ACCEPT IT. NOR DO I WANT TO COMMIT THE PALESTINIANS TO THE RESOLUTION. I ONCE SAID THAT IF I WERE A PALESTINIAN I WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE ACCEPTED IT. IT IS NATURAL THAT THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD REJECT RES 242; BUT WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THAT WE MUST LIVE WITH THE REALITY OF THE TIMES. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: READERS OF SADAT'S WORDS IN AL ANWAR ARE LEFT IN NO RPT NO DOUBT RE EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF RES 242 AND "REALITY" OF ISRAEL. THERE IS ROOM, HOWEVER, FOR INTERPRETATION OF HIS VIEWS REGARDING APPROPRIATE PALESTINIAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS DOCUMENT. IT SEEMS LIKELY TO US THAT CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE VERSION (CITED REFTL) DREW CONCLUSION THAT SADAT ASSERTED PALESTINIANS SHOULD RPT SHOULD REJECT SC RES 242 FROM INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW BY INTERVIEWR IN WHICH FREIHA PUTS SADAT'S REMARKS IN MORE PRESCRIPTIVE FORM THAN SADAT'S ACTUAL STATEMENTS, AS PRINTED, WARRANT.
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